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[*on the report of the Fifth Committee (A/70/416/Add.1)*]

70/245. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its previous resolutions and decisions on the scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations, including its resolutions 55/5 B and C of 23 December 2000, 57/4 B of 20 December 2002, 58/1 B of 23 December 2003, 61/237 of 22 December 2006, 64/248 of 24 December 2009 and 67/238 of 24 December 2012 and its decision 68/548 of 27 December 2013,

Reaffirming Article 17 of the Charter of the United Nations and rule 160 of its rules of procedure,

Recalling paragraphs 5 and 6 of its resolution 58/1 B,

Having considered the report of the Committee on Contributions on its seventy-fifth session[1] and the report of the Secretary-General on multi-year payment plans,[2]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Committee on Contributions on its seventy-fifth session;[1]

2. *Reaffirms* that the determination of the scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations shall remain the prerogative of the General Assembly;

3. *Also reaffirms* the fundamental principle that the expenses of the Organization shall be apportioned broadly according to capacity to pay;

4. *Further reaffirms* the obligation of all Member States to bear the expenses of the United Nations, as apportioned by the General Assembly, in conformity with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations;

5. *Reaffirms* that the Committee on Contributions as a technical body is required to prepare the scale of assessments strictly on the basis of reliable, verifiable and comparable data;

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventieth Session, Supplement No. 11* (A/70/11).
[2] A/70/69.

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6. *Decides* that the scale of assessments for the period from 2016 to 2018 shall be based on the following elements and criteria:

(*a*) Estimates of gross national income;

(*b*) Average statistical base periods of three and six years;

(*c*) Conversion rates based on market exchange rates, except where that would cause excessive fluctuations and distortions in the income of some Member States, when price-adjusted rates of exchange or other appropriate conversion rates should be employed, taking due account of its resolution 46/221 B of 20 December 1991;

(*d*) The debt-burden approach employed in the scale of assessments for the period from 2013 to 2015;

(*e*) A low per capita income adjustment of 80 per cent, with a threshold per capita income limit of the average per capita gross national income of all Member States for the statistical base periods;

(*f*) A minimum assessment rate of 0.001 per cent;

(*g*) A maximum assessment rate for the least developed countries of 0.01 per cent;

(*h*) A maximum assessment rate of 22 per cent;

7. *Recognizes* that the current methodology can be enhanced, bearing in mind the principle of capacity to pay;

8. *Requests* the Committee on Contributions, in accordance with its mandate and the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, to review and make recommendations on the elements of the methodology of the scale of assessments in order to reflect the capacity of Member States to pay, and to report thereon to the Assembly by the main part of its seventy-third session;

9. *Notes* that there were limitations in the data set available for the preparation of the scale of assessments;

10. *Requests* the Committee on Contributions, in accordance with rule 160 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, to consider all relevant data in appeals submitted by Member States that may affect their capacity to pay;

11. *Encourages* Member States to submit national accounts data under the 1993 and the 2008 System of National Accounts on a timely basis;

12. *Supports* the efforts of the Statistics Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat in supporting statistics at the national level and in providing support to countries and regional organizations to enhance coordination, advocacy and resources for the implementation of the 1993 and the 2008 System of National Accounts;

13. *Resolves* that the scale of assessments for the contributions of Member States to the regular budget of the United Nations for 2016, 2017 and 2018 shall be as follows:

Member State	*Percentage*
Afghanistan	0.006
Albania	0.008
Algeria	0.161
Andorra	0.006
Angola	0.010
Antigua and Barbuda	0.002
Argentina	0.892
Armenia	0.006
Australia	2.337
Austria	0.720
Azerbaijan	0.060
Bahamas	0.014
Bahrain	0.044
Bangladesh	0.010
Barbados	0.007
Belarus	0.056
Belgium	0.885
Belize	0.001
Benin	0.003
Bhutan	0.001
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	0.012
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0.013
Botswana	0.014
Brazil	3.823
Brunei Darussalam	0.029
Bulgaria	0.045
Burkina Faso	0.004
Burundi	0.001
Cabo Verde	0.001
Cambodia	0.004
Cameroon	0.010
Canada	2.921
Central African Republic	0.001
Chad	0.005
Chile	0.399
China	7.921
Colombia	0.322
Comoros	0.001
Congo	0.006
Costa Rica	0.047
Côte d'Ivoire	0.009
Croatia	0.099

Member State	*Percentage*
Cuba	0.065
Cyprus	0.043
Czech Republic	0.344
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	0.005
Democratic Republic of the Congo	0.008
Denmark	0.584
Djibouti	0.001
Dominica	0.001
Dominican Republic	0.046
Ecuador	0.067
Egypt	0.152
El Salvador	0.014
Equatorial Guinea	0.010
Eritrea	0.001
Estonia	0.038
Ethiopia	0.010
Fiji	0.003
Finland	0.456
France	4.859
Gabon	0.017
Gambia	0.001
Georgia	0.008
Germany	6.389
Ghana	0.016
Greece	0.471
Grenada	0.001
Guatemala	0.028
Guinea	0.002
Guinea-Bissau	0.001
Guyana	0.002
Haiti	0.003
Honduras	0.008
Hungary	0.161
Iceland	0.023
India	0.737
Indonesia	0.504
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	0.471
Iraq	0.129
Ireland	0.335
Israel	0.430
Italy	3.748
Jamaica	0.009

Member State	*Percentage*
Japan	9.680
Jordan	0.020
Kazakhstan	0.191
Kenya	0.018
Kiribati	0.001
Kuwait	0.285
Kyrgyzstan	0.002
Lao People's Democratic Republic	0.003
Latvia	0.050
Lebanon	0.046
Lesotho	0.001
Liberia	0.001
Libya	0.125
Liechtenstein	0.007
Lithuania	0.072
Luxembourg	0.064
Madagascar	0.003
Malawi	0.002
Malaysia	0.322
Maldives	0.002
Mali	0.003
Malta	0.016
Marshall Islands	0.001
Mauritania	0.002
Mauritius	0.012
Mexico	1.435
Micronesia (Federated States of)	0.001
Monaco	0.010
Mongolia	0.005
Montenegro	0.004
Morocco	0.054
Mozambique	0.004
Myanmar	0.010
Namibia	0.010
Nauru	0.001
Nepal	0.006
Netherlands	1.482
New Zealand	0.268
Nicaragua	0.004
Niger	0.002
Nigeria	0.209
Norway	0.849

Member State	*Percentage*
Oman	0.113
Pakistan	0.093
Palau	0.001
Panama	0.034
Papua New Guinea	0.004
Paraguay	0.014
Peru	0.136
Philippines	0.165
Poland	0.841
Portugal	0.392
Qatar	0.269
Republic of Korea	2.039
Republic of Moldova	0.004
Romania	0.184
Russian Federation	3.088
Rwanda	0.002
Saint Kitts and Nevis	0.001
Saint Lucia	0.001
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	0.001
Samoa	0.001
San Marino	0.003
Sao Tome and Principe	0.001
Saudi Arabia	1.146
Senegal	0.005
Serbia	0.032
Seychelles	0.001
Sierra Leone	0.001
Singapore	0.447
Slovakia	0.160
Slovenia	0.084
Solomon Islands	0.001
Somalia	0.001
South Africa	0.364
South Sudan	0.003
Spain	2.443
Sri Lanka	0.031
Sudan	0.010
Suriname	0.006
Swaziland	0.002
Sweden	0.956
Switzerland	1.140
Syrian Arab Republic	0.024

Member State	*Percentage*
Tajikistan	0.004
Thailand	0.291
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	0.007
Timor-Leste	0.003
Togo	0.001
Tonga	0.001
Trinidad and Tobago	0.034
Tunisia	0.028
Turkey	1.018
Turkmenistan	0.026
Tuvalu	0.001
Uganda	0.009
Ukraine	0.103
United Arab Emirates	0.604
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	4.463
United Republic of Tanzania	0.010
United States of America	22.000
Uruguay	0.079
Uzbekistan	0.023
Vanuatu	0.001
Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)	0.571
Viet Nam	0.058
Yemen	0.010
Zambia	0.007
Zimbabwe	0.004
Total	**100.000**

14. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on multi-year payment plans[2] and the related conclusions and recommendations of the Committee on Contributions;[1]

15. *Reaffirms* paragraph 1 of its resolution 57/4 B;

16. *Urges* all Member States to pay their assessed contributions in full, on time and without imposing conditions;

17. *Urges* all Member States currently in arrears to settle those arrears promptly and in full;

18. *Encourages* Member States in arrears with their assessed contributions to the United Nations to consider submitting multi-year payment plans;

19. *Resolves* that:

(*a*) Notwithstanding the terms of financial regulation 3.10 of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations,[3] the Secretary-General shall be empowered to accept, at his discretion and after consultation with the Chair of the Committee on Contributions, a portion of the contributions of Member States for the calendar years 2016, 2017 and 2018 in currencies other than the United States dollar;

(*b*) In accordance with financial regulation 3.9, the Holy See, which is not a member of the United Nations but which participates in certain of its activities, shall be called upon to contribute towards the expenses of the Organization for 2016, 2017 and 2018 on the basis of a notional assessment rate of 0.001 per cent, which represents the basis for the calculation of the flat annual fees to be charged to the Holy See in accordance with its resolution 44/197 B of 21 December 1989;

(*c*) In accordance with financial regulation 3.9, the State of Palestine, which is not a member of the United Nations but which participates in certain of its activities, shall be called upon to contribute towards the expenses of the Organization for 2016, 2017 and 2018 on the basis of a notional assessment rate of 0.007 per cent, which represents the basis for the calculation of the flat annual fees to be charged to the State of Palestine in accordance with its resolution 44/197 B.

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[3] ST/SGB/2013/4.